

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1, 3, 8, 12-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Eguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,670). The rejection of claims 3, 8 and 12-14 is rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. Claim 1 is patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below:

Applicants' invention as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

...if e-mail is designated: generating an e-mail which includes or to which is attached inputted image data ...

...if facsimile is designated: generating a facsimile based on said inputted image data...

...a transmitter for ...

...if e-mail is designated: transmitting the e-mail ...

...if facsimile is designated: transmitting the facsimile ...

Eguchi neither discloses nor suggests the ability to transmit either an e-mail or a facsimile from inputted image data. As this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by Eguchi, claim 1 is patentable over Eguchi.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi in view of Miller (U.S. 6,615,241). Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi in view of Firth (U.S. 5,987,517). These rejections, however, are rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

Claims 15-17 are newly added. These claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 1.

Claim 18 is newly added and is similar to claim 1, but in method language.

Claims 19-21 are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 18.


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The above amended and newly added claims are supported by the originally filed application at page 3, line 33 through page 4, line 10 and page 5, line 37 through page 6, line 11. No new matter has been added.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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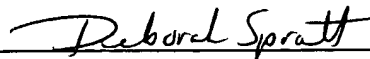
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